



Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2005 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response to which extends through April 25, 2005, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal:



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - ☐ Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets
 - ☐ Submission of Revocation of Original Power of Attorney and Grant of New Power of Attorney
 - ☐ Change of Correspondence Address
 - ☐ Change of Attorney Docket Number
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
 - ☐ Citations
 - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| <u>Total Months Requested</u> | <u>Fee for Extension</u> | <u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 120.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 450.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 1,020.00 | \$ 510.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$ 1,590.00 | \$ 795.00 |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ 0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

☒ **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid | Present Extra | at Rate of | Total Fees |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c)) | 3 | minus | 20 | 0 | x \$50 each = | + \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)) | 1 | minus | 3 | 0 | x \$200 each = | + \$0.00 |
| [] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s) | | | | | \$360.00 | + \$0.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity | | | | | | - \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEE = | | | | | | \$0.00 |

6. Fee Payment

- ☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ 0.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for the one-month extension of time fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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